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TAGS: MARR, NATO

SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF SUPPORT TO COMBAT FORCES

REFS: A. STATE 028858; B. USNATO 1246

1. REQUEST YOU DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO SYG LUNS.

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QUOTE. DEAR JOSEPH, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 5 MARCH

CONCERNING OUR PLANS TO IMPROVE AND INCREASE OUR COMBAT CAPABILITY IN EUROPE. OUR PLANS FOR 1976 ARE NOW SUFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED SO THAT WE CAN SEND THE TEAM TO BRIEF YOU, THE DPC, AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE DURING THE MIDDLE OF APRIL, IF YOU SO DESIRE.

THE US TEAM'S PRESENTATION WOULD ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

OUR PRESENT POSTURE IN EUROPE;

ACTIONS TO IMPROVE OUR CONVENTIONAL FORCES, TO INCLUDE SUPPORT TO COMBAT CONVERSIONS UNDER THE NUNN AMENDMENT AND OTHER ACTIONS, REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, SUPPORT REDUCTIONS, AND COMBAT INCREASES; AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NUNN AMENDMENT REQUIREMENTS AND MBFR.

AS YOU RECALL, OUR PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THIS ASPECT OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT IS TO BE FURNISHED TO CONGRESS THIS WEEK. I DO NOT FEEL THAT THIS REPORT WILL HOLD ANY GREAT

SURPRISES FOR OUR ALLIES. IT WILL BE VERY MUCH ALONG THE LINES I INDICATED IN MY LETTER OF 12 FEBRUARY.

THE PLANS FOR STATIONING THE BRIGADE DEPLOYING IN 1975 ARE MOVING FORWARD QUITE WELL. THE LOCATION FOR THE BRIGADE DEPLOYING IN 1976 MUST NOW BE CONSIDERED. BOTH OF THESE BRIGADES ARE FROM DIVISIONS WHICH ARE PART OF OUR FIRST FORCES TO MOVE TO EUROPE IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILITIES. THEREFORE, WE FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD BE SO POSITIONED AS TO ENHANCE THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE NATO DEFENSE IN THE CENTRAL REGION AND LOCATED WHERE THEY COULD MOVE QUICKLY TO MEET AN ENEMY THRUST WHEREVER IT DEVELOPS. WE WILL BE COORDINATING WITH NATO ON THE LOCATION OF THE 1976 BRIGADE.

SINCERELY YOURS, J. R. SCHLESINGER. END QUOTE.

2. (FYI) OSD REPRESENTATIVES TESTIFIED ON ASPECTS OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT BEFORE SENATOR NUNN'S MANPOWER COMMITTEE ON 6 AND 7 MARCH. YOU WILL BE PROVIDED A COPY  
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OF THAT TRANSCRIPT FOR YOUR INFORMATION. THE REPORT ON CONVERSION FROM SUPPORT TO COMBAT FORCES IN EUROPE IS BEING PREPARED AND WE PLAN TO SUBMIT IT TO CONGRESS THIS WEEK. A COPY OF THE APPROVED REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU FOR RELEASE TO THE ALLIES SUBSEQUENT TO THE SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS. PRELIMINARY DECISIONS ON THE FY 76 CONVERSIONS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE MADE UNTIL EARLY APRIL AND FINAL DECISIONS AFTER NATO HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO

COMMENT. (END FYI).

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